

## UTAH STATE SENATE

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Mr. President,

The Business and Labor Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **S.B. 239**, CONGREGATE CARE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS, by Senator M. K. McKell, with the following amendments:

- 1. Page 11, Lines 311 through 317:
  - 311 (50) (a) "Youth transportation company" means any person that transports a child for
  - payment to or from a congregate care program in Utah.
  - 313 (b) "Youth transportation company" does not include:
  - 314 (i) a relative of the child;
  - 315 (ii) a state agency; or
  - 316 (iii) { a person that transports the child from a congregate care program and returns the
  - 2317 <u>child to the same congregate care program within 48 hours.</u>} <u>a congregate care program's employee who transports the child from the congregate care program that employs the employee and returns the child to the same congregate care program.</u>
- 2. Page 29, Line 891 through Page 30, Line 903:
  - 891 (6) (a) A congregate care program:
  - [(a)] (i) [when not otherwise prohibited by law] subject to Subsection (6)(b), shall
  - facilitate weekly confidential [communication] voice-to-voice communication between a child

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- and the child's parents, guardian, foster parents, and siblings, as applicable;

  [(b)] (ii) shall ensure that the communication described in Subsection (6)(a)(i)
- 896 complies with the child's treatment plan, if any; and
- [(e)] (iii) may not use family contact as an incentive for proper behavior or withhold family contact as a punishment.
- 899 (b) { A congregate care program may deny the communication, or modify the frequency
- 900 <u>or the form of the communication described in Subsection (6)(a)(i) if:</u>
- 901 <u>(i) the office approves the denial or modification; or </u>
- 902 <u>(ii) state law or a court order prohibits the communication, the frequency, or the form</u>
- 903 <u>of the communication.</u>}

For the communication described in Subsection (6)(a)(i), a congregate care program may not:

- - (ii) modify the frequency or form of the communication unless:
    - (A) the office approves the modification; or
- (B) state law or a court order prohibits the frequency or the form of the communication.

Respectfully,

Curtis S. Bramble Chair

Voting: 6-0-3

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